

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; AMENDING AND ENACTING
3 SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978 PERTAINING TO PROGRAM COST
4 CALCULATIONS.
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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

7 Section 1. Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
8 Chapter 8, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD
10 RESPONSIBILITY.--

11 A. The total program units for the purpose of
12 computing the program cost shall be calculated by
13 multiplying the sum of the program units itemized as
14 Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection by the
15 instructional staff training and experience index and adding
16 the program units itemized as Paragraphs (5) through (9) of
17 this subsection. The itemized program units are as follows:

18 (1) early childhood education;
19 (2) basic education;
20 (3) special education, adjusted by
21 subtracting the units derived from membership in class D
22 special education programs in private, nonsectarian,
23 nonprofit training centers;

24 (4) bilingual multicultural education;

25 (5) fine arts education;

- 1 (6) size adjustment;
2 (7) at-risk program;
3 (8) enrollment growth or new district
4 adjustment;
5 (9) special education units derived from
6 membership in class D special education programs in private,
7 nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers; and
8 (10) national board for professional
9 teaching standards certification.

10 B. The total program cost calculated as
11 prescribed in Subsection A of this section includes the cost
12 of early childhood, special, bilingual multicultural, fine
13 arts and vocational education and other remedial or
14 enrichment programs. It is the responsibility of the local
15 school board to determine its priorities in terms of the
16 needs of the community served by that board. Funds
17 generated under the Public School Finance Act are
18 discretionary to local school boards if the special program
19 needs as enumerated in this section are met."

20 Section 2. A new section of the Public School Finance
21 Act, Section 22-8-23.4 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

22 "22-8-23.4. NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
23 STANDARDS--CERTIFIED TEACHERS PROGRAM UNITS.--The number of
24 program units for teachers certified by the national board
25 for professional teaching standards is determined by

1 multiplying by one and one-half the number of teachers
2 certified by the national board for professional teaching
3 standards employed by the school district on or before the
4 fortieth day of the school year and verified by the
5 department. Department approval of these units shall be
6 contingent on verification by the school district that these
7 teachers are receiving a one-time salary differential equal
8 to or greater than the amount generated by the units
9 multiplied by the program unit value during the fiscal year
10 in which the school district will receive these units. "

11 Section 3. A new section of the Public School Finance
12 Act is enacted to read:

13 "FINE ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM UNITS.--The number of fine
14 arts education program units is determined by multiplying
15 the
16 full-time-equivalent MEM in programs implemented in
17 accordance with the provisions of the Fine Arts Education
18 Act
19 by the cost differential factor of 0.0166 for fiscal year
20 2004, 0.0332 for fiscal year 2005 and 0.05 for fiscal year
21 2006 and succeeding fiscal years. "_____